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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24

1. USUN REPORTING RESULTS OF COMMITTEE OF 24 VOTE
AUGUST 20 TO POSTPONE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO
UNTIL NEXT YEAR. WHILE POSTPONEMENT WAS AS FAVORABLE AN
OUTCOME AS COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES,
WE CAN ONLY INTERPRET OPPOSITION TO POSTPONEMENT AS SUPPORT
FOR CUBA ON ISSUE WHICH IS STRICTLY US DOMESTIC MATTER.

2. ADDRESSEE POSTS IN COUNTRIES WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES
SUPPORTED AUSTRALIAN MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT SHOULD CONVEY
APPROPRIATE APPRECIATION TO RESPONSIVENESS OF THESE GOVERN-
MENTS TO OUR CONCERNS REGARDING COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSIDERA-
TION OF PUERTO RICO.

3. FOR MOSCOW, PRAGUE, SOFIA, BAMAKO, DAR ES SALAAM,
BAGHDAD: POSTS SHOULD MAKE POINT OF EXPRESSING SHARP US
DISAPPOINTMENT IF QUESTION ARISES PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF MORE
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WHICH NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. FOR PEKING: POST SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY PARTICULAR
INITIATIVE IN WAKE CHINESE ACTION. WHILE WE ARE GRATIFIED
WITH ITS NON-PARTICIPATION WHICH IS BEST WE COULD HAVE
EXPECTED, WE SEE NO REASON TO CONGRATULATE CHINESE FOR
REFRAINING FROM TAKING POSITION ON A SENSITIVE US INTERNAL
ISSUE. IN FACT, IT PROBABLY EMBARRASSING FOR THEM TO
RECEIVE ANY US EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION.

5. FOR PORT OF SPAIN, BELGRADE, ADDIS ABABA: POSTS MAY
EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT DESPITE OUR STRONG APPEALS
AND GOOD RELATIONS, DESPITE IMPRESSIVE NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT
WE RECEIVED, AND DESPITE FACT MOTION WAS PROCEDURAL,
COMMITTEE OF 24 REPRESENTATIVE OF HOST GOVERNMENT WAS
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UNABLE TO SUPPORT EVEN A POSTPONEMENT OF COMMITTEE CON-
SIDERATION OF AN ISSUE WHICH SHOULD NOT BE UNDER COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION AT ALL. THE OUTCOME OF THIS SESSION OF
COMMITTEE OF 24 IN NO WAY AFFECTS US POSITION THAT ANY
INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF PUERTO RICO IS UNACCEPTABLE AND
FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE INTO US INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

6. DEPT WISHES TO CONGRATULATE ADDRESSEE POSTS FOR

THEIR ENERGETIC AND PROMPT RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTIONS ON
THIS ISSUE, COMBINED EFFECT OF WHICH WAS A SIGNIFICANT
AND RARE VICTORY. KISSINGER

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